

# A140 Long Stratton Bypass – Contractor Introduction

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Dear Neighbour,

We are **Octavius Infrastructure** writing to introduce ourselves to you as the appointed lead contractor for the A140 Long Stratton Bypass.

We are so pleased to be working in the area and delivering this project for Norfolk County Council and its partners. Our site team and subcontractors will be operating from two main site compounds located close to where the new bypass will tie-into the existing A140. To the South, our largest compound and site offices are located opposite Oakside Farm. To the North, our compound and site offices are located adjacent to the A140/Church Lane junction. A plan showing the scheme and compound locations is provided below.

We will also have an additional smaller compound off Hall Lane, this will facilitate the structural works required to bridge the existing Hall Lane carriageway over the new bypass.

### What's happened so far?

Advance works to prepare the site for the start of the main construction have been progressing over April and May. Ecology surveys have been carried out and temporary boundary fencing has been installed across the entire site.

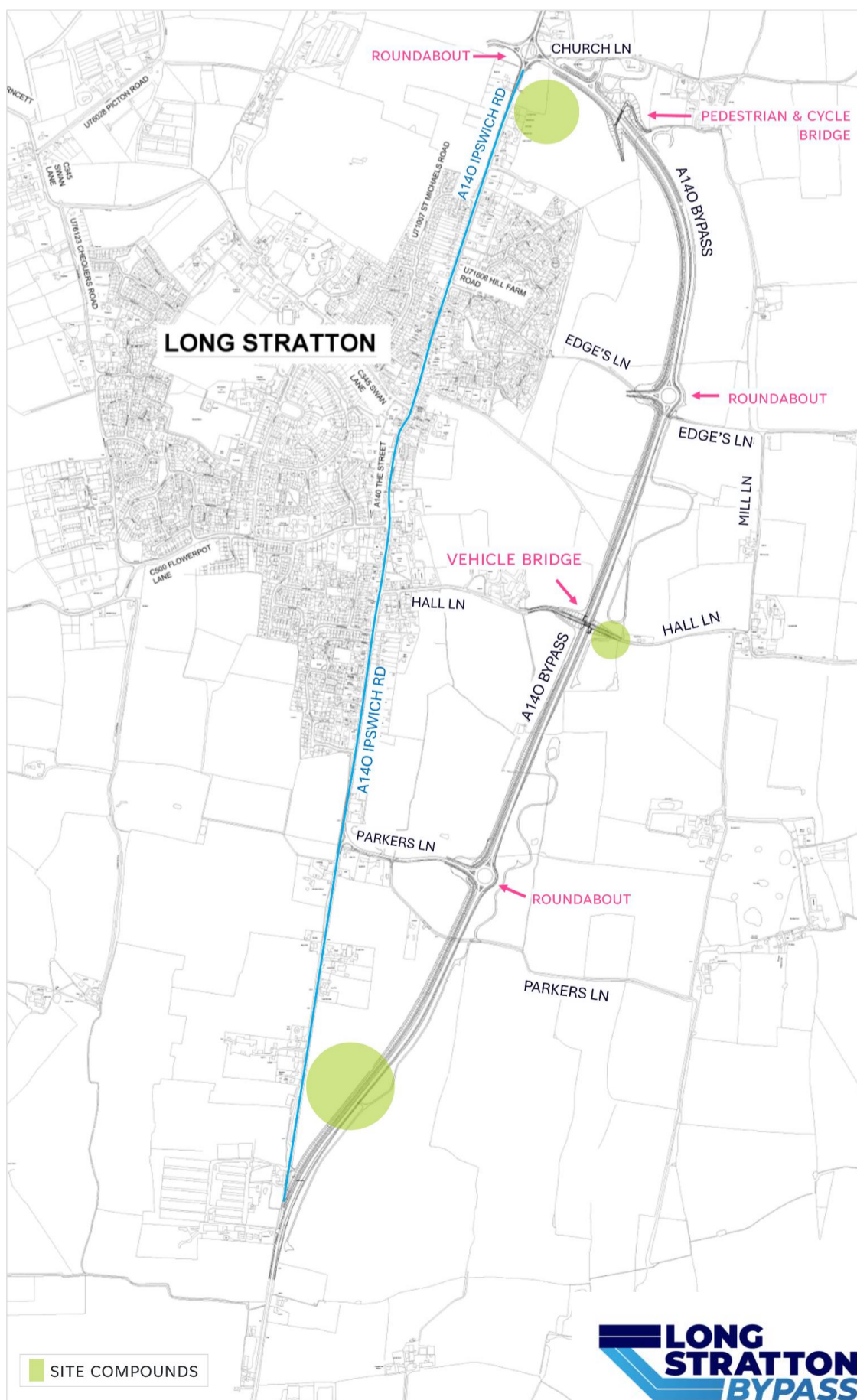
We have stripped the topsoil and stabilised the ground for the site compounds and their access routes. Office cabins and welfare units are in the process of being installed and are almost complete at all compounds. Turning heads on Church Lane, Parkers Lane and Edges Lane have been created - these will provide safe turning points for all vehicles, plant, machinery and scheduled delivery vehicles.



### Road Closures

As we continue our advance works, it is now necessary to begin to close the side roads the new route will impact - **Church Lane, Edge's Lane, Hall Lane and Parkers Lane**. Local diversions via suitable routes will be signed on the ground.

Access will be maintained throughout for residents/businesses located within the works areas, but some minor delays may be experienced whilst key activities are in progress. We understand any disruption on the roads is frustrating and will be working closely with Norfolk County Council throughout the project to minimise this as much as possible.





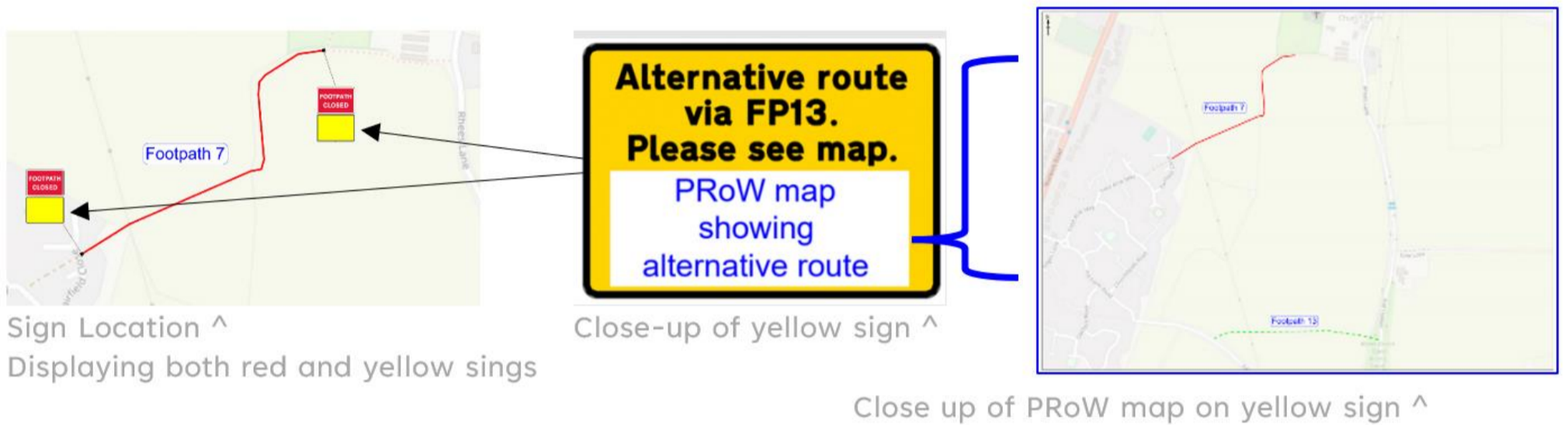
## Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

The new road also crosses several local footpaths - some of which will need to be closed to ensure the safety of the public and our workforce. The Temporary Traffic Road Order (TTRO) that we have agreed with Norfolk County Council stipulates that two of the existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW) that the bypass crosses must remain accessible throughout construction, using signed diversions where needed.

Please visit <https://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/> for an interactive and detailed map to locate the Public Rights of Way in Long Stratton. Please note, you must 'zoom in' on this map to see the relevant footpath labels.

We will maintain PRoW routes **FP7** or **FP13** and **FP15** or **FP16** at any given time for pedestrian access. Where these routes meet interfaces with our work areas, we will maintain and provide suitable diversions. We also ask owners to keep dogs on leads when walking these routes to ensure the safety of all users. **FP21** and **FP26** are required to be closed until further notice.

As the programme of construction activity develops, we will need to switch which two routes are accessible. To help users identify which routes are accessible, we will use coloured and bespoke signage on the ground at the entry points to the routes. Red "footpath closed" signs will indicate that the PRoW route is closed. Yellow signs with a bespoke map will show the alternative route that can be used instead. An example of the signage is shown below - In this example, **FP7** is closed, therefore **FP13** is accessible. You can also contact us at any time for clarification.



### Our commitment during this project delivery:

We are committed to delivering sustainable infrastructure, making a commitment to give value to society and the communities in which we work. We will:

- **Engage with resident's** by providing clear and up to date information to the local community
- **Improve the environment** by measuring CO2 emissions, consult wildlife experts and dedicate training and staff hours to increase biodiversity
- **Increase sustainable employment** with employment opportunities for local people
- **Support the growth of local business** by spending with local suppliers
- **Improve opportunities for young people** by supporting local education providers and charities offering engagement activities
- **Support local community initiatives**

As we start to prepare the first phase of works we will endeavor to maintain traffic management, signage and fencing to the highest standards for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, to ensure minimal disruption to the people of Long Stratton and those passing through. The management of noise, dust and nuisance is a priority to us, and we will do all we can to minimise this at every phase of the project.

### Get in contact:

Periodic updates will be issued to keep our neighbours informed of the progress of works, upcoming works, and the social value and community engagement activities that we will deliver within the local community.

**If you have any queries or concerns about our construction activities or social value delivery, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach the Octavius Infrastructure A140 Long Stratton Bypass Project Team via:**

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**Project Website:** [www.norfolk.gov.uk/strattonbypass](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/strattonbypass)

You can also stay up to date by signing up for email updates via the project webpage above.

If you have a **general highway enquiry or problem**, not related to the project please report it to the Highway Authority via the online form at:

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem)

or call 0344 800 8020